



DFIRS NEWS

Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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Status Report from the Program Manager

Congratulations goes to Sussex County for achieving 100% participation. Thereby, leaving only 6 New Castle departments not participating in the DFIRS program. The statewide participation rate is currently at 90%.

The non-participating New Castle departments are currently in different stages of implementing incident reporting and are projecting participation no later than March 2003.

Training Needs

In January alone over 13 departments are receiving incident reporting training. If your department has newly elected individuals or would simply like a refresher on proper incident reporting please contact Crystal Beach. In house training can be conducted during the day, evening or weekend.

Crucial Coding Information

With the increase of false alarms throughout Delaware the State Fire Marshal's Office and the State Fire Prevention Commission are utilizing DFIRS data to analyze and document the increasing problem of false alarms within the State.

When documenting false alarm incidents please keep in mind the following helpful tips:

Codes 711 to 715 are for malicious, mischievous false alarms. For example, if someone maliciously pulls a fire alarm box.

Codes 731 to 736 are for system or detector malfunctions and improper performance of fire alarm systems not a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions. Commonly used codes within this category are:

731 – Sprinkler activated due to the failure or malfunction of the sprinkler system. Includes any failure of sprinkler equipment that leads to sprinkler activation with no fire present.

733 - Smoke detector activated due to a malfunction.

Codes 741 to 746 are for unintentional system/detector

operation with no fire present. This includes tripping an interior device accidentally. Some commonly used codes within this category are:

741 – Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional. Includes testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

744 – Detector activation, no fire – unintentional, a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions (ie: cooking). Included is testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

If at any time your department has questions or requires assistance regarding incident reporting please contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for immediate assistance.

Congratulations!

The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
5. Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
6. Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
7. Volunteer Hose Co
8. Dover Robbins Hose Co #1 Inc
9. Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
10. Carlisle Fire Co Inc
11. Dagsboro Fire Co
12. Frankford Volunteer Fire Co
13. Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
14. Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
15. Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
16. Farmington Fire Co
17. Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
18. Felton Community Fire Co
19. Wilmington Fire Dept
20. Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
21. Camden-Wyoming Fire Co Inc
22. Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co Inc
23. Bowers Fire Co
24. Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder
25. Laurel Fire Dept Inc

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**THE LARGEST ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS
GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY
FEMA AND THE USFA**

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) are pleased to announce the eleventh (11th) round of 2002 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Awards for 734 fire departments. The monetary investment announced in this round approaches \$42 million for fire departments throughout the United States.

"With this round, the eleventh, we announce the largest number of grant awards in the two year history of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. As we near the end of the 2002 program, and begin our focus on the 2003 program, I would like to ask all men and women of the nation's fire service, to join the USFA in promoting and achieving a fire safe Holiday season for all citizens of this nation," said USFA Administrator R. David Paulison.

President Bush and the Congress have made this significant investment possible through the USFA, which is a part of FEMA. These funds will be used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, improve fire fighter health and safety programs, purchase new fire apparatus, enhance EMS programs, and support Fire Prevention and Safety Programs. FEMA and the USFA expect to announce a total of at least 5500 grants before the end of the calendar year. The total of all awards, when completed, will represent a \$360M investment to enhance fire and EMS service delivery nationwide.

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. A list of all current award recipients announced to date is posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. Future grant recipients will be listed as awards are made.

Congratulations Delaware Grant Recipients:

**Carlisle Fire Company
Citizen's Hose Company
Hockessin Fire Company
Wilmington Fire Department**

26. Millville Volunteer Fire Co
27. Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
28. Five Points Fire Co
29. Houston Volunteer Fire Co
30. Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
31. Delmar Fire Dept Inc
32. Georgetown Fire Co Inc
33. Ellendale Volunteer Fire Co
34. Harrington Fire Co Inc
35. Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
36. Delaware City Fire Co
37. Odessa Fire Co
38. Milton Fire Dept Inc
39. Blades Volunteer Fire Co
40. Port Penn Volunteer Fire Co
41. Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co
42. Marydel Volunteer Fire Co Inc
43. Hockessin Fire Co
44. Townsend Fire Co
45. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co
46. Belvedere Fire Co
47. Memorial Fire Co Inc
48. South Bowers Volunteer Fire Co
49. Holloway Terrace
50. Claymont Fire Co
51. Minquas Fire Co #1 Inc
52. Frederica Volunteer Fire Co
53. Brandywine Hundred Fire Co #1
- 54. Millsboro Volunteer Fire Co**
- 55. Good-Will Fire Co #1**

For more information regarding the Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System (DFIRS), please contact Crystal Beach at 302-739-5665 or cbeach@state.de.us

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